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SUBJECT: CLIMAX OF TANU'S 20TH BIRTHDAY

1. SUMMARY. SEVEN-DAY CELEBRATION OF 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF FOUNDING OF TANU ENDED JULY 7 WITH MASS MEETING IN DAR ES SALAAM. PRESIDENTS NYERERE AND KAUNDA GAVE KEY SPEECHES. SURPRISE OF EVENT WAS PROMINENT POSITION ON SPEAKERS PLATFORM BY FORMER UGANDAN PRESIDENT MILTON OBOTE. FRELIMO PRESIDENT SAMORA MACHEL WAS ALSO ACCORDING SPECIAL STATUS. END SUMMARY.

2. TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF TANU'S FOUNDING WAS CLIMAXED JULY 7 WITH MASS PROCESSION IN OPEN SOCCER FIELD IN DAR ES SALAAM. PRESIDENTS NYERERE AND KAUNDA GAVE LENGTHY SPEECHES WHILE FIRST VP JUMBE AND FRELIMO PRESIDENT MACHEL OFFERED BRIEF REMARKS. BEST UJAMAA VILLAGES FOR 1974 WERE GIVEN AWARDS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF TANZANIA'S 20 REGIONS PRESENTED NYERERE WITH INDIVIDUAL CHECKS COMPRISING COLLECTIONS FOR AFRICAN

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LIBERATION FUND. REGIONAL DONATIONS TOTALED IMPRESSIVE

\$570,000.

3. MOST SIGNIFICANT ASPECT OF EVENT WAS PRESENCE OF FORMER UGANDAN PRESIDENT MILTON OBOTE IN FRONT ROW OF SPEAKERS DIAS NEXT TO MACHEL WHO, IN TURN, SAT NEXT TO PRIME MINISTER KAWAWA. OBOTE DID NOT SPEAK. INCREDIBLE PROTOCOL SITUATION WAS CREATED AS OFFICIAL UGANDAN DELEGATION, FOREIGN MINISTER ELIZABETH BAGAYA, SAT IN MAIN CROWD. OTHER SENIOR AFRICAN REPRESENTATIVES SAT ON SPEAKERS DIAS. COMMENT: OBOTE APPEARED TO ENJOY PROCEEDINGS. HE LOOKED HAGGARD, HOWEVER, AND HAS PUT ON WEIGHT SINCE HIS PRESIDENTIAL DAYS. APPEARANCES JULY 7 AND PREVIOUS DAY ON OCCASION OF 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION MARK FIRST TIME IN SEVERAL YEARS THAT OBOTE HAS APPEARED IN PUBLIC. SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS DEVELOPMENT FOR TANZANIAN-UGANDAN RELATIONS IS NOT YET CLEAR. END COMMENT.

4. KAUNDA, SPEAKING IN FRACTURED SWAHILI FOR ABOUT FIVE MINUTES, HAD CROWD IN STITCHES WITH HIS LIMITED KNOWLEDGE OF LANGUAGE. SWITCHING TO ENGLISH, HE PRAISED CONCEPT OF ONE-PARTY STATE, CITING PARTICULARLY TANU AND UNIP. HE EXPOUNDED AT LENGTH ON ZAMBIAN HUMANISM, NOTING THAT IF PEOPLE COME TO ZAMBIA AS HUMANISTS, THEY ARE WELCOME. ON OTHER HAND, "IF THEY COME AS CAPITALISTS, WE WILL FIGHT THEM." HE DEFINED HUMANISM AS ESSENTIALLY SYNONYMOUS WITH SOCIALISM, NOTING YOU HAVE TO BE A SOCIALIST TO BE A HUMANIST BUT YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A HUMANIST TO BE A SOCIALIST. HE CASTIGATED "WESTERN DEMOCRACIES" AS ONLY "PAYING LIP SERVICE" TO MAJORITY RULE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA WHERE THEIR PRIVATE COMPANIES CONTINUE TO INVEST HEAVILY. HE CITED SOUTH AFRICA AND RHODESIA AS EXAMPLES OF "WESTERN DEMOCRACIES" AND THEN ASKED HOW CAN YOU CALL SUCH COUNTRIES DEMOCRATIC WHEN ONLY SMALL PORTION OF POPULATION HAS RIGHT TO VOTE. KAUNDA HEAPED PRAISE ON "TANZANIAN DEMOCRACY".

5. MACHEL SPOKE PRIMARILY IN PORTUGUESE, BUT CONCLUDED WITH BRIEF REMARKS IN FAIRLY GOOD SWAHILI. RECEIVING TANZANIAN CONTRIBUTION TO AFRICAN LIBERATION FUND, MACHEL NOTED THIS IS CLEAR PROOF OF TANZANIA'S DEDICATION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO LIBERATION STRUGGLE. FRELIMO VP MARCELINO DOS SANTOS ACCOMPANIED MACHEL TO PROCESSION.

6. NYERERE GAVE BOILER PLATE SPEECH ON 20 YEARS OF TANU PROGRESS. HE CONCLUDED BY CALLING FOR INTENSIFICATION OF LIBERATION STRUGGLE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. CARTER

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